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* 99 Q.—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any instructions have been issued to the doctors working in Government hospitals as to the number of vasectomies to be performed in a month ; and

(b) if so, what it is and the reason therefor?

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM (a) & (b) Instructions have been issued by the Director of Medical Services setting apart specified days in the week for doing vasectomy operations in each Family Planning Surgery in the districts and the District Medical Officers have been told that an attempt should be made to do a minimum of 8 operations per day for 3 days in a week in the District Headquarters Hospitals and a minimum of 8 operations per day for two days in a week in the Taluk Headquarters Hospitals. These instructions have been issued to regulate the flow of cases to surgeries and to avoid disappointment to persons seeking the operation. No such instructions have been issued in respect of full time vasectomy units in the City of Madras.

Sri L. S. KARAYALAR : Since the progress in Family Planning means reduction in the number of seats in Parliament for the State, may I know whether this Government will get an assurance from the Central Government that progress as regards Family Planning will not affect the number of seats for the State in Parliament?

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Family Planning is for persons to plan their families according to the number of children. I do not think that family planning will have much effect on the number of seats in Parliament or in any other legislature.

Sri L. S. KARAYALAR : The number of seats in Parliament depends upon the population in the State. As a matter of fact, we have lost three seats and Bengal has gained more seats.

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : This question may be put to the Chief Minister and not to the Minister for Health.

Destruction of dogs

* 100 Q.—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of dogs destroyed in the lethal chamber during the month of March 1962 in the City of Madras; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to stop such destructions?

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (a) 3,592.

(b) No.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that most of the dogs destroyed here are not rabid? Many of them are pregnant, some of them are middle-aged pups, and most of them are not at all rabid.

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Normally, dogs which are not rabid are not destroyed. As a whole, stray dogs are taken into the lethal chamber and destroyed.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Do the Government think it justifiable in this land of Ahimsa just to destroy dogs, because they are born as dogs, while the Government have got the S.P.C.A. and also an organisation for the preservation of wild life?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: The hon. Member thinks that it is not proper to destroy the stray dogs. But, at the same time, mention has been made in this Honourable House many a time about the nuisance the stray dogs are creating not only in the hospitals but also on the roadside.

High Ways Research Institute, Madras

3-10 p.m. * 101 *Q.*—SRI L. S. KARAYALAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of (i) men and (ii) women employees in the Highways Research Institute, Madras as on 1st January 1963; and

(*b*) the mode of appointment to (i) temporary and (ii) permanent vacancies in the Institute?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) (i) Men—115.
(ii) Woman—2.

(*b*) *General Erocedure for Appointment.*—Candidates are recuruited through Employment Exchange. They are interviewed by a Committee of Assistant Engineers in charge of the Sections and Administrative branches concerned after the requirements of qualifications, age, etc., are verified. The recommendation of the Committee are finally approved by the Director of the Research Station. The Research Station being a scientific Institution, every step is taken to procure the best talent available with suitable qualifications and aptitude for research. The persons recruited are first taken in the workcharged schemes and absorbed against the regular vacancies after they gain enough experience. Appointments are also made by transfer when qualified candidates become available. All the vacancies in the Highways Research Station are only temporary and the continuance of these posts is sanctioned every year by Government.

SRI L. S. KARAYALAR: Has any complaint been received that appointments are made in this Institute without any regard to procedure?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: There is no such complaint. If the hon. Member writes to me of any specific case, I shall look into it.